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For: **Data Carrier Having An Optically Variable Element And Methods For Producing It**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the final Office Action dated March 26, 2003.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time together with the appropriate fees accompanies this response so that it is timely filed.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following amendments and remarks.